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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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Dear Allen:

I have been requested by the President to arrange for a study of the relative capabilities of the United States and the USSR in the field of outer space technology, with the participation of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Department of Defense and Central Intelligence Agency (NSC Action 2136).

To carry out this assignment, I would like to convene a steering group of the heads of these agencies to decide on the manner in which the detailed appraisal should be conducted and to review the results of the study prior to its presentation to the NSC and the NASA.

I hope that it will be possible for you to attend the first meeting of this steering group in my office at approximately 11 a.m. on Friday, October 30, following the expected Cabinet meeting.

Sincerely,

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G. B. Kistiakowsky

The Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
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